

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/743,933

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 23 December 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 06 August 2004.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary Jarosik on 06 August 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification

Please replace the two lines under "Related Application Information" with the following:

- -This application is a continuation of, and claims priority to under 35 U.S.C. 120, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/888,240 filed on June 22, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,701,091 B2, which is a continuation of 09/080,125 filed on May 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,330,091 B1.- -

In the claims

In line 10 of claim 1 (line 12 of page 11), please change "transmitted" to - -transmitter- -

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: a block representing "a memory" connected to photo detector diode element 34 will be added to Figure 5. See attached drawing. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, Applicants must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 1 is allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a learning type remote control with the elements and limitations specifically recited by claim 1, particularly including a transmitting diode mounted on a circuit board so as to extend outside a remote control case and a photo detector diode mounted on the circuit board behind the transmitting diode whereby infrared signals generated from a teaching transmitter can radiate through the transmitting diode to reach the photo detector diode.

Dockery (US 5,142,397 A) generally discloses a remote control including a receiving element 26 that is located somewhat behind a transmitting element 22, but Dockery does not disclose a learning remote control system and the receiver 26 disclosed receives signals from the transmitter 22, not from an external teaching transmitter (Figure 4).

Takahashi et al. (US 4,367,483 A) generally disclose a transmitting diode 13 and a photo detector diode (elements 8 and 9) arranged with a single lens 22, wherein the photo detecting element is arranged around the transmitting element.

Kaikuranta (US 6,373,046 B2) generally discloses a remote control with compactly arranged transmitter and receiver elements (Figure 8).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christina Y. Leung whose telephone number is 703-605-1186. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 6:30 to 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on 703-305-4729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.

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